

## Requester Information

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|-----------------------|--|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Requester             | Liam Knox  | Tracking Number    | NARA-NGC-2019-000329      |
| Organization          |  | Submitted Date     | 03/14/2019                |
| Requester Has Account | No   | Received Date      | 03/14/2019                |
| Email Address         | 70441-09231752@requests.muckrock.com   | Perfected Date     |                           |
|                       |  | Last Assigned Date | 03/14/2019                |
| Phone Number          |  | Assigned To        | Office of General Counsel |
| Fax Number            |  | Last Assigned By   |                           |
| Address               | MuckRock News,<br>DEPT MR 70441<br>411A Highland<br>Ave<br>Somerville<br>MA<br>02144 | Request Track      | Simple                    |
| City                  |  | Fee Limit          | \$0.00                    |
| State/Province        |  |                    |                           |
| Zip Code/Postal Code  |  |                    |                           |

## Request Handling

|   |         |                           |      |
|---|---------|---------------------------|------|
| Requester Info Available to the Public? | No      | Request Type              | FOIA |
| Request Track                           | Simple  | Request Perfected         | No   |
| Fee Category                            | N/A     | Perfected Date            |      |
| Fee Waiver Requested                    | Yes     | Acknowledgement Sent Date |      |
| Fee Waiver Status                       | Pending | Unusual Circumstances     | No   |
| Expedited Processing Requested          | No      | Litigation                | No   |
| Expedited Processing Status             |         | Court Docket Number       |      |
|   |         | 5 Day Notifications?      | No   |

# Description

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## Long Description

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## Has Description Been Modified?

Yes

## Long Description Modified

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## Description Available to the Public?

No

## Short Description

# Additional Information

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## Attached Supporting Files

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Attachments Available to the Public?  
No

| Attached File Name                      | Size (MB) | File Type |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| No supporting files have been uploaded. |           |           |

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# Appeals

| Tracking Number | Appeal Date | Appellant | Phase | Notification |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------------|
|-----------------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------------|

No appeals have been created.

# Consultations

| Tracking Number | Consulted Agency | Created By | Consultation Date | Due Date | Phase |
|-----------------|------------------|------------|-------------------|----------|-------|
|-----------------|------------------|------------|-------------------|----------|-------|

No consultations have been created.

# Correspondence to Requester

| Subject | From | To | Date |
|---------|------|----|------|
|---------|------|----|------|

|   |        |           |            |
|---|--------|-----------|------------|
| FOIA Request NARA-NGC-2019-000329 Submitted | System | Liam Knox | 03/14/2019 |
|---|--------|-----------|------------|

<p> This message is to confirm your request submission to the FOIAonline application: <a href="https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/submissionDetails?trackingNumber=NARA-NGC-2019-000329&type=request">View Request</a>. Request information is as follows: <p> <ul> <li> Tracking Number: NARA-NGC-2019-000329 </li> <li> Requester Name: Liam Knox </li> <li> Date Submitted: 03/14/2019 </li> <li> Request Status: Submitted </li> <li> Description: To Whom It May Concern:<br/><br/>Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:<br/><br/>A copy of all files concerning the organization "Union of Russian Workers in the United States and Canada," aka "the Union of Russian Workers," from 1905-1925. This was an anarchist organization consisting of working-class Russian emigres to the U.S. which was the target of intensive and at times violent persecution by the FBI and other federal law enforcement organizations during the first Red Scare in 1919.<br/><br/>351 members of the organization were arrested and deported from July, 1918 to June, 1920. I am especially looking for information on these arrests and deportations: any arrest records, accounts of the raids that led to these arrests, legal justifications for their deportation, communications between federal lawn enforcement and these UoRW members' employers, etc.<br/><br/>In addition, I'd like to specifically request files on two of the Union of Russian Workers more prominent members: Peter Bianki and Vladimir "Bill" Shatoff.<br/><br/>In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.<br/><br/>Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.<br/><br/>Sincerely,<br/><br/>Liam Knox<br/><br/>Upload documents directly: https://www.muckrock.com/accounts/agency\_login/national-archives-and-records-administration-129/files-on-the-union-of-russian-workers-national-archives-and-records-administration-70441/?uuid-login=9877ccaa-68ae-4bed-a192-574d24e3ce7c&email=foia%40nara.gov#agency-reply </li> </li>



# Other Correspondence

| Attached File                       | File Type | Size (MB) |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| No correspondence has been created. |           |           |

# Fee Estimates

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Current Estimate Total          | \$0 |
| Date Estimate Sent to Requester | N/A |
| Estimate Required for Payment   | N/A |

# Invoices

| Sent                           | Title | Invoice Date | Amount |
|--------------------------------|-------|--------------|--------|
| No invoices have been created. |       |              |        |

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Total Amount Billed Which Has Been Sent To Requester | \$0.00 |
|--|--------|

# Payments

| Date                         | Amount | Type | Total Amount Paid | Total Amount Owed |
|------------------------------|--------|------|-------------------|-------------------|
| No payments have been added. |        |      | \$0.00            | \$0.00            |

# Case Responsive Records

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**Publish Options:**

**UU - Unredacted - Unreleaseable**

**RU - Redacted - Unreleasable**

**UR - Unredacted - Releaseable to the General Public**

**RR - Redacted - Releaseable to the General Public**

**REQ - Release to Requester Only**

| Release Type | Title | User | Date/Time | Exemptions | Release Date |
|--------------|-------|------|-----------|------------|--------------|
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No records have been uploaded.

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## Restricted Materials

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| Attached File Name | Size (MB) | File Type | User | Actual Agency | Date/Time |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|------|---------------|-----------|
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No restricted materials have been added.

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# Existing Admin Costs

| Date                             | User Name | Charge Type | Hours/Quantity | Rate | Billable? | Total |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|------|-----------|-------|
| No cost entries have been added. |           |             |                |      |           |       |

**Fee Category:** N/A

**Total:** \$0.00

**Invoice Amount:** \$0.00

Requester  
Justification

I request that I be properly classified as a news media requester. I am an editorial intern for MuckRock, and I am requesting this information in that editorial capacity. MuckRock is widely known for its investigative work as well as historical pieces based on public records requests. Records responsive to this request will likely be used as part of commemorative series of articles on federal intimidation of labor organizers and working class leftists, to run this summer around the 100th anniversary of the Palmer Raids.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

# Existing Comments (0)

Date Created

Last Edited On

User Name

No comments have been added.

# Assigned Reviewers

| Review Order                     | Review Outcome | Assigned Reviewer | Review Date |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------|
| No reviewers have been assigned. |                |                   |             |